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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES STORY ON F-5S FOR MOROCCO

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1. OFFICIAL FLN DAILY EL MOUDJAHID MAY 25 CARRIES EXTENSIVE QUOTES ATTRIBUTED TO LESLIE GELB'S RECENT NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ON SUPPLY OF F5S AND OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO MOROCCO BY IRAN AND JORDAN. UNLIKE SOME PREVIOUS COVERAGE OF F5 QUESTION, INTENTION OF MAY 25 EL MOUKJAHID PIECE APPEARS TO BE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT U.S. PLAYED KEY ROLE IN TRANSACTION.

2. INTERESTING ASPECT OF AFFAIR ON WHICH WE HAD NOT FOCUSED IS THAT, ACCORDING TO GELB AS QUOTED IN EL MOUDJAHID, MOROCCANS HAD BEEN INSISTING THAT JORDANIANS SUPPLY THEM WITH MIRAGES IN A YEAR. WE WERE NOT AWARE OF THIS ANGLE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WE REQUEST THAT VERBATIM TEXT OF GELB ARTICLE BE SENT US AND OTHER INTERESTED POSTS BY WIRELESS FILE. PARKER

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